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CAPInv. 1540: [era]nistai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Attica with Salamis
ii. Region	Attica
iii. Site	Athens?

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	[ἐρα]νισταί (IG II ² 2722, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	[era]nistai

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	e. iv - e. ii BC
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG II ² 2722 (e. iv - e. ii BC)
Note	Other publications: Finley 1951: no. 44
Online Resources	IG II² 2722
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek <i>horos</i> inscription recording the sale of land subject to redemption.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Fragment of a marble stele measuring 0.18x0.11x0.04m.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Now in EM 10144

XII. NOTES

ii. Poland concordance	Poland A *43B
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Although it was forcibly argued by Finley 1951 and Millett 1991 that *eranistai* in *horoi* inscriptions should not be regarded as associations, I think that there are good grounds to consider these groups as private associations (see also Thomsen 2015). Firstly, in almost all cases they are identified as *eranistai hoi meta...* or *hoi peri*, an element that points to a certain embryonic or nascent collective identity. Secondly, they also pull their resources (or part of it) together to lend money, for which they acquire the legal standing as creditors, whose claim is secured. Thirdly, in case the repayment of the loan does not proceed, they may be represented in law courts.